

"EXHIBIT C."

The Respondent offers to prove by Lemuel Offutt, a competent witness, that shortly after the 19th of April, in the year 1861, he had a conversation with the Contestant, James L. Ridgely, near witness' house in Baltimore county in regard to the National troubles, at which time and place said Ridgely said to witness, that the slaves in the Southern States were much better off in their present condition than they could be in any other; that they were well clothed and had gold watches in their pockets, and that he, said Ridgely, would cast his lot with Virginia and go as that State went. The Respondent further offered to prove by said Offutt, that he was present at a conversation between Atwood Blunt and said Ridgely shortly after said Blunt was drafted in the year 1862, in which said conversation, said Ridgely advised said Blunt to leave home and go South, and that in the event of the sons of said Ridgely being drafted, he said Ridgely, had made preparations to send them South.

The minority of the committee thought the testimony of this witness admissable, for the same reasons that they thought the testimony of Enos Smedley was admissable.

Counsel for the Respondent.—The witness Thompson, having testified before the committee that he saw it published in the Baltimore "Argus" on Saturday the 20th of April, that the Baltimore County Horse Guards had tendered their services, and that the Towson Guards had gone over to the Republicans, and that the names of Mr. Merryman and Mr. Grason were mentioned in that edition, and the counsel for the Respondent objecting to the introduction of that testimony and the counsel for the Contestant stated that he had made diligent search for the files of the paper, and that it could not be found, the Respondent now proposes to present to the committee files of the "Republican and Argus," for April 1861, and would ask Mr. Thompson or the counsel for the Contestant, to point out the article to which he refers.—We now offer in evidence files of the Baltimore County Advocate for the purpose of showing that the second flag raising spoken of by the witnesses, was upon the first day of August 1861. The date of the paper is Saturday, August 3d, 1861, and Mr. Church, who was the editor of the paper, stated that there was a notice of it appeared in the paper. The counsel for the Respondent read the following extract from the paper:

Flag Raising:—The flag that for some time passed, has been streaming from the tall mast in this place, having become somewhat the worse for wear, a splendid new flag has been recently purchased, the amount being freely contributed by a number of our Union friends. On Thursday afternoon last, it was raised to its position by the committee of ladies. Before it was raised J. Israel Yellott, Esq., made an eloquent